

AN ACT

relating to qualifications for and limitations on awarding the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 437.351, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a service member nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to a service member nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to be awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a regular session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:

(1) one service member for service in the state or federal military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but before 1956; ~~and~~

(2) one service member for service in the state or federal military forces during the period beginning after January 1, 1956, but before September 11, 2001; and

(3) one service member for service in the state or federal military forces on or after September 11, 2001 ~~[1955]~~.

(e) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (c), the Texas

1 Legislative Medal of Honor shall be awarded to a resident of this  
2 state who receives the Congressional Medal of Honor. A Texas  
3 Legislative Medal of Honor awarded under this subsection is not  
4 included for purposes of determining the number of medals that may  
5 be awarded under Subsection (d).

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4421 was passed by the House on May 2, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4421 on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4421 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor